LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2013



"OUR FAMILY SERVING YOUR FAMILY"

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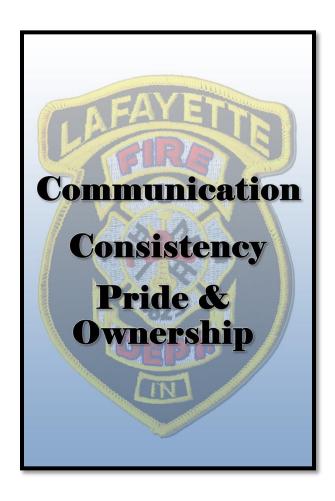
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Mission Statement



To respond to the needs of the citizens of Lafayette in a timely manner through continuing public education, multi-agency and community cooperation, quick response, and a desire to make Lafayette a safer place to live

2013 Personnel Roster

Chief

Richard Doyle

Deputy Chief

Steve Butram

Assistant Chief of Training

Karl Stokes

Assistant Chief of Special Operations

Mike Blann

Training Captain

Jason Clark

Battalion Chiefs

Tim Ford – A Shift

Mike Hieatt – B Shift

Rick Dehahn – C Shift

Chief of Fire Prevention

Ron Ritchey

Inspectors

Patrick Grimes

David Thomas

Gary Bennett

Todd Trent

Fire Administrative Services Manager

Beth Duell

Administrative Assistant

Samantha Taylor

Captains

Joe Barker Rodney Brewer Randy Evans Tim Franscoviak Larry Hitze Michael Schwarz Mike Tribbett

Lieutenants

Ryan Altman John Berkshire David Bisher Matt Chase Myron Congram Joe Danaher Dane Elston Todd Ford **Toby Frost** Scott Guinn Chad Hoey Tom Holladay **Scott Hunter** Jon McDaniel Rick Meyer Jim Morrow Marc Motuliak Ted Murphy **Brian Perior** Elmo Robledo **David Stanley Craig Stanton** Joe Steckler Todd Wagner Rich Wilkins

Sergeants

Brian Alkire Steve Arndt Steve Black Jim Brewer Denny Burkhardt John Butler

Jack Cross
Jim Dickensheets
Heather Evans

Denny Gick Pat Griswold John Gullion

Jeremy Hostetler

Randy Keen Mike Koning, Sr.

Mark Lee

Kevin Marsh Lance Martin Tagg Morris Greg Phillips Mark Phillips Trent Richter John Robinson Bruce Stafford

Tim Stillabower

Don Thelen Brian Toby

Darrell Vandergraff

Alan Wade Chad Wiesler Ryan Woody

Journeymen

Brian Adkins Scott Alkire Dave Allspaw Mark Antonian Joe Barker Mark Beeler Jamie Blacker Justin Brown Tim Butz Darren Chase Jason Clark Chris Conklin **Steve Cornelius Brad Cornell** Mike Davis Adam Deaton Damon Downey Doug Dunwoody Gary Gaither Chris Gorbett

Darryl Graham Sarah Hagerty John Hamilton Chris Hathaway Jeff Hauser Bill Holderfield Patrick Holladay Mike Hoskins Jeremy Hostetler Jason Jordan Ted Koeppen Mike Koning, Jr. Clinton Korty Matt Kubat Jayson Lohmeyer Todd Lyons Ron Martin, Jr. Bob McCord Chad McCord Marc McKinney

Eliseo Medrano Travis Meyer Mike Moran **Bob Morehouse** Leonard Muinzer **Todd Munson** Doug Newhart Travis Oliver Lester Pelfree Juan Perera Jeff Ramey Shawn Rice Ryan Sanders Jeff Smith Mike Stull Jason Swank Paul Terhune **Troy Trent** Kevin Woollen **Brad Young**

Firefighter Is

Wayne Bush Drew Hieatt Will Holycross

Promotions

The following firefighters were promoted during the year 2013:

Captain Joe Barker	1/4/13
Lieutenant Scott Hunter	5/1/13
Lieutenant Scott Guinn	10/22/13
Lieutenant Ryan Altman	12/9/13
Training Captain Jason Clark	12/9/13



Chief Doyle, Captain Barker, and Mayor Roswarski



Chief Doyle, Lieutenant Hunter, Mindy Hunter, and Mayor Roswarski



Chief Doyle, Lieutenant Guinn, and Mayor Roswarski



Mayor Roswarski, Training Captain Clark, Lieutenant Altman, and Chief Doyle

Community Involvement

Hoosier Burn Camp Visitor's Day







Awards

Members of the department were presented with Unit Citations and Lifesaving medals for incidents in which they rescued and resuscitated 2 citizens from fires. Also, our Fire Prevention Office was named *Fire Prevention Bureau of the Year* by the Fire Inspector's Association of Indiana.









Lafayette Fire Prevention

Overview

The Fire Prevention Bureau is staffed by a Division Chief & 4 full-time Inspectors whose primary responsibilities include:

- Public Education Through Media (print, radio, and TV)
 - o Schools (Annual Fire Prevention Show)
 - o "Fire House" Band
 - o Juvenile Fire Setter Education Program
 - o Through Media (print, radio, and TV)
 - Free Smoke Detectors and Installation
 - o Community "Outreach" Events, such as:
 - ✓ Lafayette School GLASS Program at High Schools
 - ✓ Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair
 - ✓ Various Others
- Building and Fire Code Enforcement for Existing Commercial Buildings
- Plan Review and Inspections of New Construction Projects
- Liaison to Engineer Dept. (meet with building owners/architects/contractors)
 - 1. Review Building, Sprinkler, Fire Alarm, Kitchen Hood Plans
 - 2. Conduct Building Inspections from beginning to end of project
 - 3. Conduct Pre-Design and Pre-Con Meetings with Architects and Contractors.
 - 4. Conduct Hydrant Flow Tests

• Fire and Explosion Investigations

- Work in close proximity with federal, state and local law enforcement and the prosecutor's office in arson investigations.
- Work closely with private insurance investigators on all cases.
- Work in partnership with LPD Detectives and the Prosecutor's Office in Arson Cases.

• Special Investigations

o Administrative Investigations as assigned

• Additional Administrative Duties include, but not limited to:

- o Grant Funding
- Updating Local Ordinances
- o Updating SOP's
- o Continued Education and Training for Staff
- o Recruit and firefighter training (as assigned by Training Division)
- o Assist Company Officers with Preplans in Complex Structures
- o ISO Rating for department

2013 Year in Review

The Lafayette Fire Prevention Bureau received recognition from their peers throughout the state by being awarded the **Fire Inspector's Association of Indiana- 2013 Fire Prevention Bureau of the Year Award**. The award was presented at the annual FIAI Conference held in Fort Wayne. It symbolizes our efforts to be recognized as one of the top Fire Prevention Bureau's in the country as we continually strive to improve our professional competence and service provided to our community.

The Lafayette Fire Department enhanced their Free Smoke Alarm Programs this year by partnering with the Five Points Historical Museum and receiving a grant from the North Central Health Services which allowed us to purchase photoelectric/ionization smoke detectors and provide them to members of the community who need them. Firefighters install the detectors, as well as furnish and install extra batteries, to help insure single-family housing units throughout our city have every opportunity to benefit from the early warning smoke alarms provide.

The Lafayette City Council passed an Inspection Fee Ordinance this year that will help supplement the cost of services incurred through our fire and life safety inspection efforts. Additionally, we now are able to recover some of the costs associated with a thorough plan review of fire suppression systems that include sprinklers, fire alarms, and commercial kitchen hoods.

We began focusing our existing inspections efforts on High Risk Occupancy Types to insure we focus our efforts in the correct areas of concerns. Additionally, we work with responding firefighters in helping schedule building pre-plans to identify fire protection systems and areas of concerns to assist in developing strategy and tactics in a pre-emergency status.

We obtained funding from State Farm Insurance which allowed us to provide our local school corporations reimbursements for their travel costs to provide bus transportation to our annual Fire Prevention Show at Jeff High School during Fire Prevention Week in October. Local school corporations, like local governments, are continually receiving reduced funding from the state that requires private-public partnerships with great community-minded organizations like State Farm to continue to provide quality programs to insure student safety.

The Fire Prevention Bureau increased productivity ("doing more with less") during the course of the year. Highlights of these include:

• The total number of Existing Building Fire and Life Safety Inspections increased 25% from the previous year (2012).

- New Construction Plan Reviews for the year 2013 numbered 578, consisting of a 16 % increase from the previous year (2012), and a 34% increase when compared with year (2011) totals. It certifies that the City of Lafayette has remained strong during these financially challenging times and weathered the storm far better than most communities across the country.
- We had one fire fatality for 2013. We regret the loss of even one life. However, when compared with the statistics from the state of Indiana which experienced one of the highest number of fatalities in one year in recent history (84 for the year), we consider ourselves very fortunate.
- Our Arson Clearance rate for 2013 was 71%. This represents a 57% increase over the previous year (2012).

Public Education

"Annual" FIRE PREVENTION SHOW

Our "annual" Fire Prevention Show was well attended again this year for children in grades (K through 2) in Lafayette, West Lafayette, and Tippecanoe School corporations, as well as private schools in the Greater Lafayette Community. For the past 10 years, our major corporate sponsor for the show has been State Farm Insurance. This year, State Farm provided us with grant monies to allow us to pay the school corporation's transportation reimbursement costs, which was much appreciated by us and the school corporations, and helps to insure we can educate as many children as possible.

History of the Fire Prevention Show

The Lafayette Fire Department has targeted elementary school aged children as our main target audience over the past 20 plus years.

In the mid 1980's, members of the Fire Prevention Bureau would visit each elementary school during Fire Prevention Week and educate each school individually. In an attempt to be more efficient and effective, fire prevention education was moved to the Tippecanoe Mall and students in the Lafayette School Corporation in grades K-3, who were transported by bus to the mall and educated collectively. In the early 1990's, the show was transferred to the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, where students where educated by the use of hand puppets and recorded songs. In the mid 1990's the show had a brief hiatus at the Long Center, located in downtown Lafayette. Since 1996, the show has been held at Lafayette Jeff High School Auditorium for students in grades K-2 from Lafayette School Corporation, West Lafayette Schools, Tippecanoe County School Corporation and private Christian Schools. The format of the show changed dramatically in 1996, when we abandoned the puppet show and substituted live characters that are portrayed by local firefighters, and formed the "Firehouse Band", which performs live music during the performances. We educate approximately 5000 children each year during Fire Prevention Week.

2013 Fire Prevention Show Cast & Band Members



Front Row (**L to R**): Ron Ritchey, Rob Batta(a.k.a.Emergency Eddie), Pat Grimes, Wayne Bush (a.k.a. Sparky), Heather Evans, Gary Higgins and Sparky Jr.(a.k.a Bandit).

Back Row (**L to R**): Todd Trent, Tonya Spear, Gary Bennett, Nirvana Grant, Casey Frazier, Brian Perior, John Hamilton, Will Holycross (a.k.a Crash Test Dummy), Drew Hieatt, Travis Oliver, Dave Thomas, Joe Grimes, Jeff Anderson, Julie Boles, John Tilford, and Jerry Reynolds.

TIPPECANOE COUNTY 4-H FAIR

The Lafayette Fire Department participated once again in public education at the Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair in July. The Fire Prevention Bureau sets up a booth in the exhibitors tent and hands out over 2000 free fire helmets, stick-on badges and coloring books. While handing out each of the fire helmets, children that show up at the booth must answer a fire safety question to receive his or her prize. Free smoke detectors are also handed out to people who qualify and are in need of one.

JUVENILE FIRE SETTER PROGRAM

The LFD Juvenile Fire Setter Program is a program of education and evaluation. It is designed to teach children and parents that matches and lighters are tools, not toys. A child who demonstrates interest or curiosity about fire should be provided with information and education as soon as possible. Our staff is able to conduct an evaluation interview with both the parent(s) and child, to help determine why the child is interested in fire. The program also is able to determine if the curiosity can be controlled by the parent or if additional counseling is needed through professionals. In an effort to better serve our community, our staff networks with other juvenile fire setter programs throughout the state to identify new and better ways to educate and inform these children.

FREE SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM

We offer free smoke alarms to members of our community. For people who qualify free smoke alarms are provided and installed by on-duty firefighters to insure that each home is equipped with the proper number and locations of these life-saving devices. Also, we have a limited number of smoke detectors for the hearing impaired that are available.

The program is made possible through a partnership with the Historic Five Points Fire Museum and grant funds provided by North Central Health Services.

Building and Fire Code Enforcement (Existing Buildings)

One of the major functions of local government is to provide a reasonable degree of safety for the citizens it governs. This mindset is ever present for the members of the Fire Prevention Bureau, who understand that unsafe buildings pose an inherent risk to both citizens and responding firefighters. In fact, a majority of the building and fire code laws in effect today came into existence to address and correct unsafe building designs and housekeeping practices.

Our inspections encompass existing buildings that are required to meet minimum building and fire codes in effect at the time they were constructed, and there are approximately 3,507 business occupancies in the City of Lafayette. Additionally, we inspect all new construction projects to insure that they meet the current code requirements.

Breakdown of Total Business Occupancies in City:

Group "A" Occupancies= Nightclubs, Bars, Churches, etc.

Group "B" Occupancies= Business (General)

Group "E" Occupancies= Schools

Group "F" Occupancies = Factories

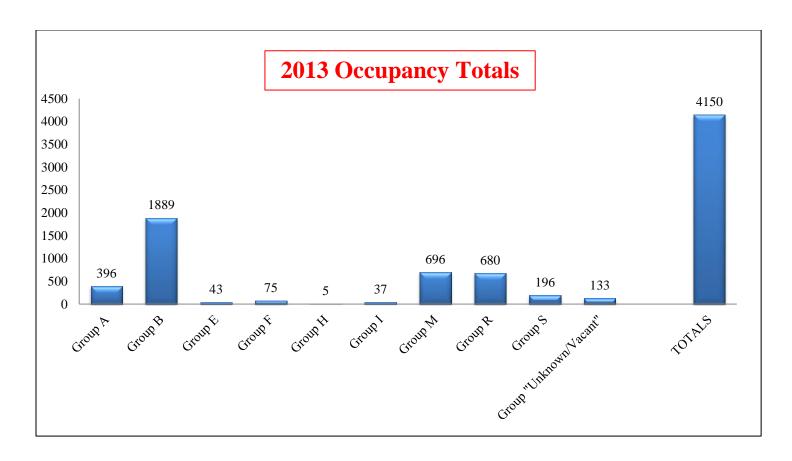
Group "H" Occupancies= High Hazard

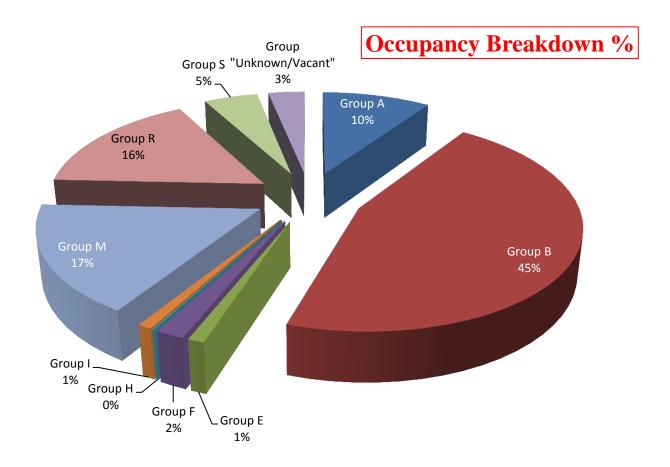
Group "I" Occupancies= Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, Adult and Child Day Cares

Group "M" Occupancies= Mercantile (Strip Malls Occupancies, Mall Occupancies, etc.)

Group "R" Occupancies= Residential (Apartments, Condominiums, Hotels and Motels)

Group "S" Occupancies= Storage Buildings



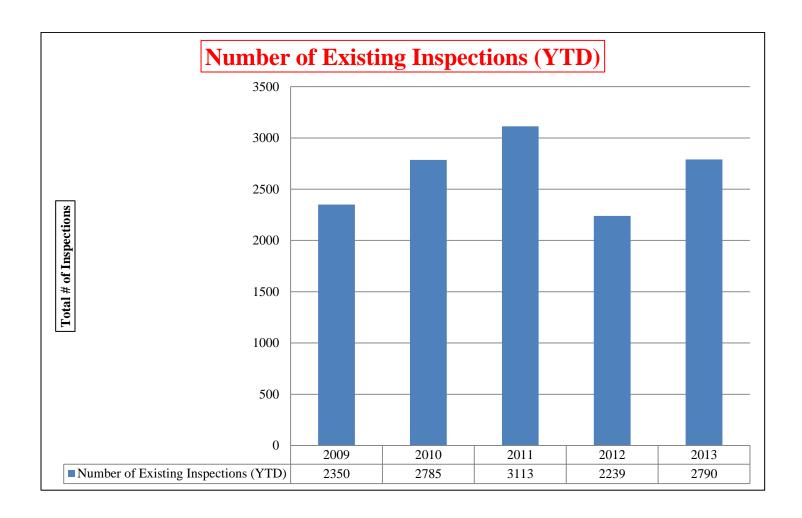


Existing Inspection Totals

2,790 Total Inspections (*Existing Buildings*) for 2013. (25% increase over 2012 Totals)

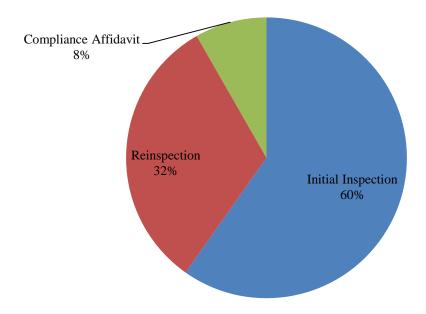
3,328 Total Inspections (both Existing and New Construction) for 2013. (9 % increase over 2012 Totals)

Lafayette Fire Inspectors increased the number of existing and new construction inspections for 2013 from previous year. This was in spite of our resources of manpower staffing being reduced by 1 person for a combined total of 7 months, as a result of medical leave and staff reassignment.



The total number of Existing Building Fire and Life Safety Inspections increased 25% from the previous year (2012).

2013 Existing Inspection Inspection Type %



Re-inspection Consequences Data

The number of "re-inspections" required to certify compliance continues to tax our resources, and we are currently trying to identify means to reduce this number.



2013 Existing Building Inspections/ New Construction Projects (Combined)

The Total Number of Combined Inspections (both Existing Buildings & New Construction/Renovation Projects) increased 9% for the year, in comparison to last year. Again, this is largely a result of turnover with our inspection staff.

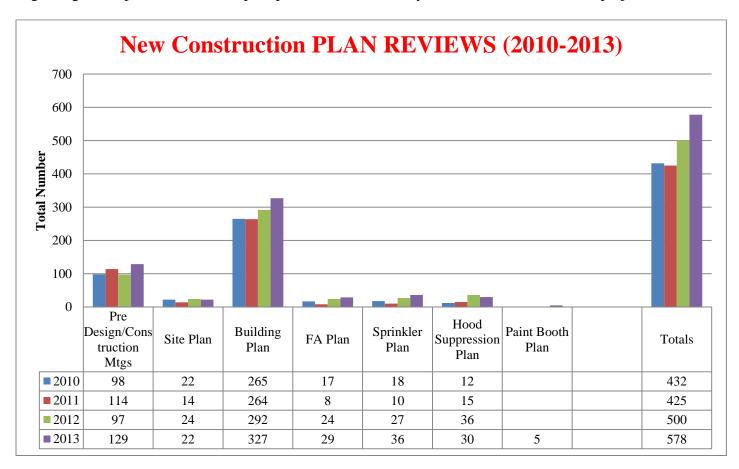
Plan Review and Inspections (New Construction Projects)

Most new construction projects are required to be filed with the State of Indiana and our City Engineer's Office to obtain necessary permits to begin construction. We conduct plan reviews of all new construction, and strive to conduct very thorough reviews at the initial phases of construction to help eliminate potential conflicts at the end of the projects. Oftentimes, this will require us to meet personally with architects, building owners, and project managers in pre-construction conferences. We believe that the benefits and rewards of spending time at the front of a project provides ample justification for the costs incurred, and assists the building owner in avoiding potentially costly renovations at the end of their projects.

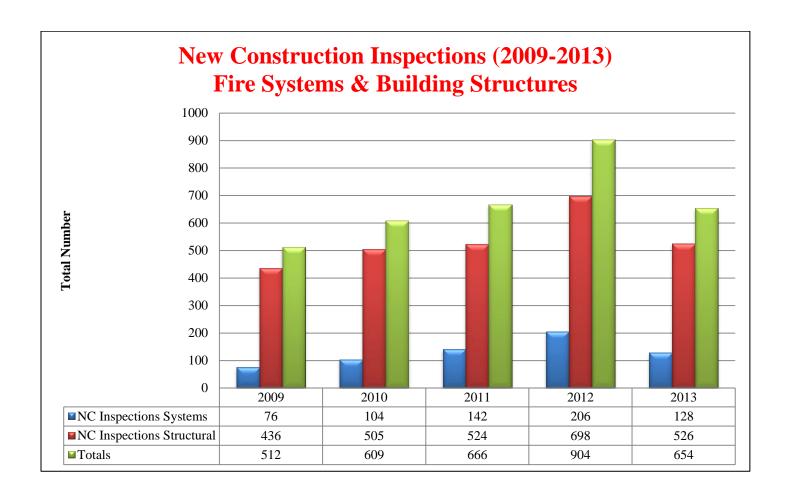
Our Fire Prevention Staff reviews and inspects all pertinent fire code issues, including but not limited to:

- Building Plans
- Sprinkler Systems
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Kitchen Hood Systems

Our goal is to work with Architects/Engineers, Building Owners, and Contractors to identify corrections at the beginning of the process, and to help all parties eliminate costly amenities at the end of the project.



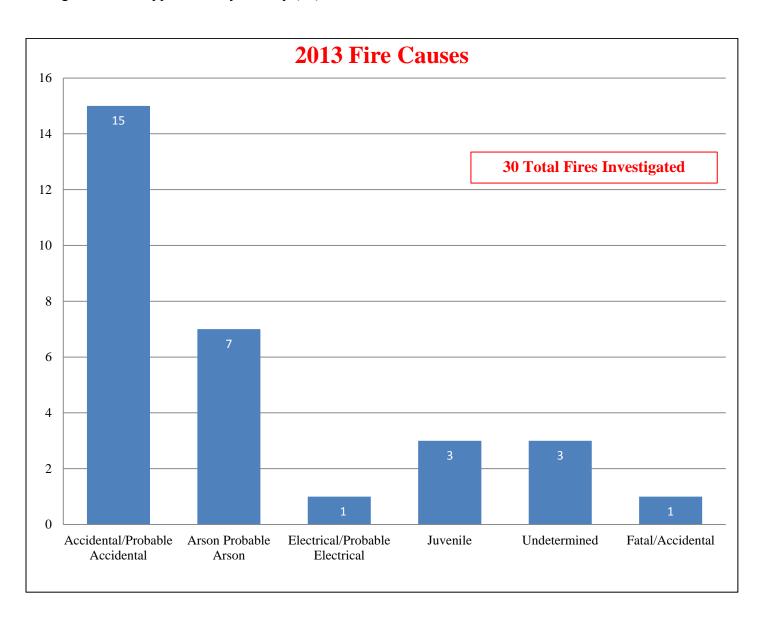
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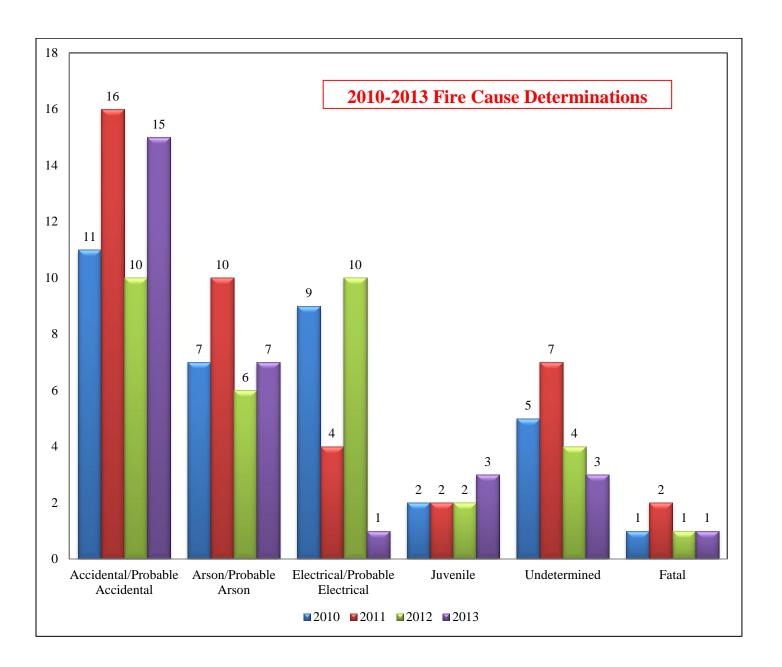


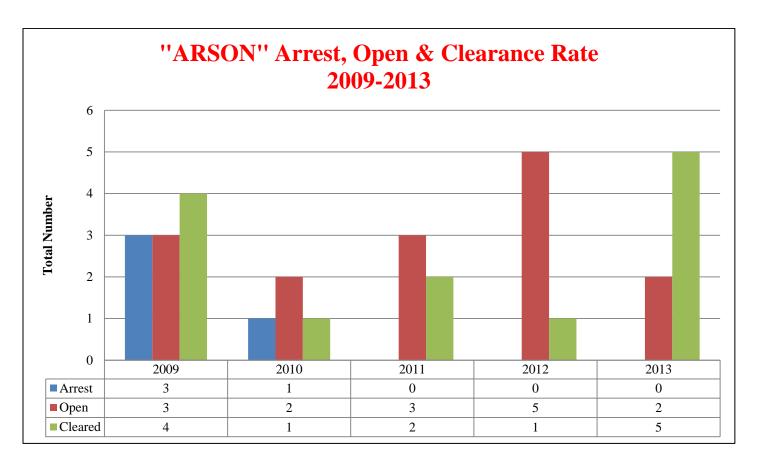
The total number of 2013 Total New Construction Inspections ("Structural" and "Systems") decreased (38%) from previous year.

Fire and Explosion Investigations

Members assigned to the Lafayette Fire Prevention Bureau have the responsibility to investigate the "cause and origin" of residential/commercial structure fires and vehicle fires when requested by the Battalion Chief of Suppression. Additionally, we respond to and investigate incidents that involve natural gas explosions. Our investigators attend professional training seminars and have professional memberships/certifications, which include the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). This organization provides opportunities for training and networking with other investigators throughout the state. It provides a highly coveted "Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) program" which certifies the individual has met minimum experience, training, and courtroom testimony. Currently, one member of our staff has obtained a "CFI" and is listed amongst a total of approximately seventy (70) CFI's in the entire state of Indiana.

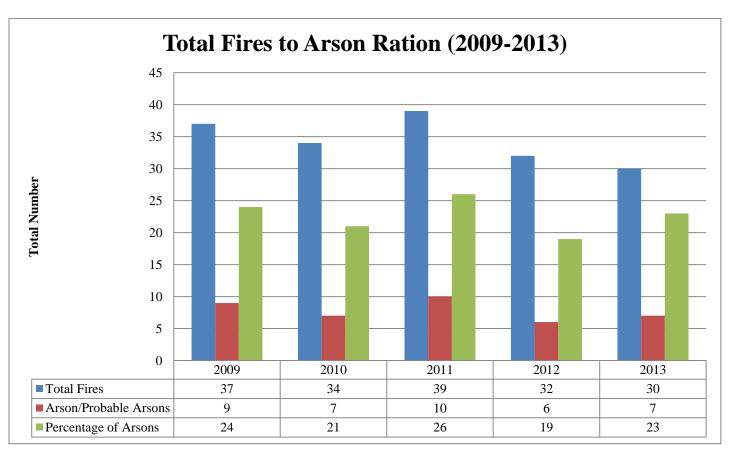


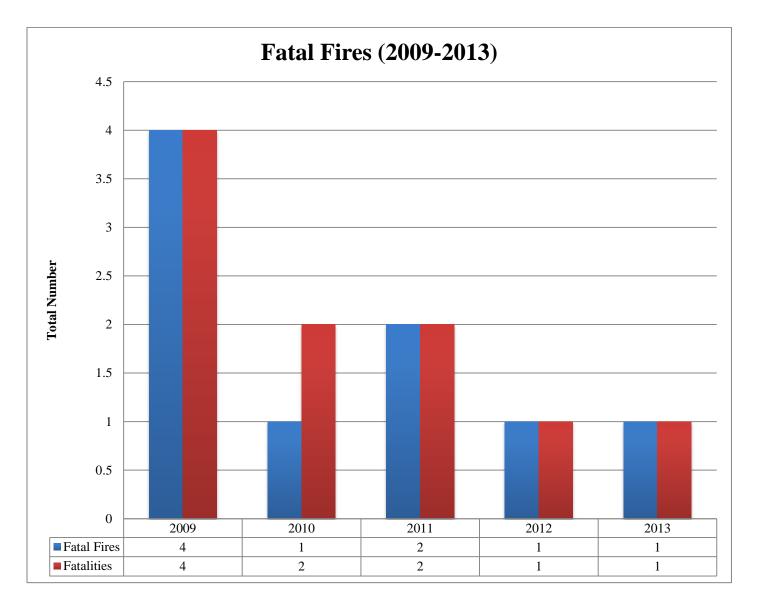




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2013 Investigation Report Data

Lafayette Fire Investigations Unit investigated 30 structure fires for the year, seven of which involved arson/or probable arson, broken down as follows (23% of all fires in 2013).

- 7 arson fires confirmed.
- 1 residential fire deaths for the year 2013.

Additional Duties

The Fire Prevention staff performs other duties that benefit the fire department, which include:

- Assisting in the fire training for new recruits.
- At large scale fire events our staff is called upon to fill positions of incident command which include safety officer, accountability officer, etc.
- Special/Administrative Investigations; Employee Background Checks.

Lafayette Fire Department Training Division



Car Fire training

The Lafayette Fire Department's Training Division is located at 2070 South 500 East, just north of the SIA automotive plant in Lafayette. We have one full-time Training Chief and he is assisted by the Training Captain, and many other on-shift certified trainers. The training division provides training for our department's members and other outside agencies throughout the year. This location is also the site of an IDHS District training ground.

In-House Training Hours:

Incident Accountability
Department Communication
Incident Command
Vehicle & Structure Fire Operations
Firefighter I/II
Officer Development
EMS
Special Operations

Hazmat Dive Rescue and Recovery Technical Rescue

Outside Training:

District 4 Training
Incident Command
Hazmat Awareness
Operations
Technician
Emergency Response Team Training
Rope Rescue
Confined Space Rescue
Flashover & Fire Behavior

Outside organizations that received training:

SIA
Rea Magnet Wire
Tate & Lyle
MacLellan Corp
District #1
District #4



Vehicle Stabilization training

LFD-JHS Fire/Rescue Program



The Lafayette Fire Department's Training Division has started a new high school training program. This year's class has 15 students (13 from Jeff, 1 from McCutcheon, and 1 from Harrison). The students are at the Training Center from 12:30-3:00pm every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the school year. Once they complete the course and pass all of the testing requirements, they will leave with the following IDHS certifications: Haz-Mat Awareness and Operations, Technical Rescue Awareness, Firefighter I, and Firefighter II. They will also receive 12 credit hours through Ivy Tech College in Kokomo to count towards their Fire Science degree.



Wedging an activated sprinkler head

Lafayette Fire Department Special Operations Division



Tactical Rescue Team at Muscatatuck Urban Training Ground

The Lafayette Fire Department's Special Operations Division is comprised of the Tactical Rescue Team, Hazardous Materials Team, Dive Rescue Team and Honor Guard. All teams continued to train and improve throughout 2013.

Members of the Tactical Rescue Team and Dive Rescue Team deployed to the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in September to take part in the state level exercise "Tipton Twister". The Tactical Rescue Team worked in areas with multiple structural collapses. TRT members had multiple rescues and recoveries to perform while safely breaching and breaking concrete, cutting steel, and shoring both concrete and wooden buildings with air struts and wooden shores.

The Dive Team worked through several water rescues, including dive rescues and recoveries, and surface boat rescues. Both teams had to work through some rope rescue scenarios. The Dive Team also worked side by side as a team with members of the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department, Monticello Fire Department and Crawfordsville Fire Department.

The Hazardous Materials Team responded to real world incidents involving fuel and chemical spills. Several members attended hazardous materials training outside of the department in Baltimore MD, Houston TX, Socorro NM, Aniston AL, and Mercury NV. They learned about a variety of subjects including chemicals, biological, radiation and explosives.

The Honor Guard continually represents the Lafayette Fire Department, City of Lafayette, State of Indiana, and the United States of America with pride and honor at various ceremonies, parades, funerals, and events around the area.

The following individuals should be recognized for their involvement in multiple teams: FF Mark Antonian, FF Sarah Hagerty, FF Jason Jordan, FF Ted Koeppen, FF Jeff Smith, LT Myron Congram, FF Jason Clark, LT Joey Danaher, LT Tobias Frost, FF Jeff Hauser, and SGT Ryan Woody are members of the Tactical Rescue Team, Dive Rescue Team and the Hazardous Materials Team. FF Jayson Lohmeyer is a member of the Dive Rescue Team, Hazardous Materials Team and the Honor Guard. SGT Steve Arndt is a member of the Tactical Rescue Team, Dive Rescue Team, Hazardous Materials Team and the Honor Guard.

Lafayette Fire Department's Special Operations are under the direction of Mike Blann, who is the Assistant Chief of Special Operations.



Special Operations Members

Hazardous Materials Team

FF Brian Adkins LT Joey Danaher FF Doug Dunwoody SGT Brian Alkire LT Dane Elston FF Mark Antonian LT Tobias Frost SGT Steve Arndt FF Jamason Blacker FF Sarah Hagerty FF Chris Hathaway SGT Jim Brewer SGT John Butler FF Jeff Hauser FF Tim Butz FF Mike Hoskins FF Darren Chase FF Jason Jordan FF Jason Clark FF Ted Koeppen LT Myron Congram FF Matt Kubat FF Chris Conklin FF Jayson Lohmeyer

FF Chad McCord
LT Jon McDaniel
FF Mike Moran
SGT Tagg Morris
FF Ryan Sanders
FF Jeff Smith
LT Dave Stanley
SGT Darrell Vandergraff
SGT Ryan Woody
FF Kevin Woollen
FF Brad Young





Dive Rescue Team

FF Brian Adkins SGT Brian Alkire FF Mark Antonian SGT Steve Arndt FF Justin Brown FF Jason Clark LT Myron Congram LT Joey Danaher FF Mike Davis CPT Tim Franscoviak LT Toby Frost FF Scott Guinn FF Sarah Hagerty FF Jeff Hauser FF Jason Jordan FF Ted Koeppen FF Jayson Lohmeyer FF Todd Munson FF Travis Oliver LT Brian Perior FF Jeff Smith SGT Ryan Woody





Tactical Rescue Team

FF Ryan Altman
FF Mark Antonian
SGT Steve Arndt
LT Dave Bisher
FF Jamie Blacker
FF Jason Clark
LT Myron Congram
FF Brad Cornell
LT Joey Danaher
FF Mike Davis
FF Adam Deaton
CPT Randy Evans

LT Toby Frost
FF Sarah Hagerty
FF Jeff Hauser
LT Chad Hoey
FF Mike Hoskins
FF Scott Hunter
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SGT Lance Martin
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FF Chad McCord
LT Jon McDaniel

FF Mike Moran
SGT Tagg Morris
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FF Travis Oliver
LT Brian Perior
SGT Mark Phillips
SGT John Robinson
FF Jeff Smith
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Honor Guard

FF Brian Adkins SGT Steve Arndt AC Michael Blann CPT Rodney Brewer FF Jayson Lohmeyer LT Brian Perior

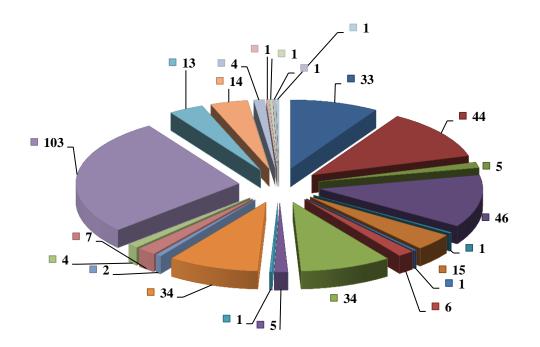
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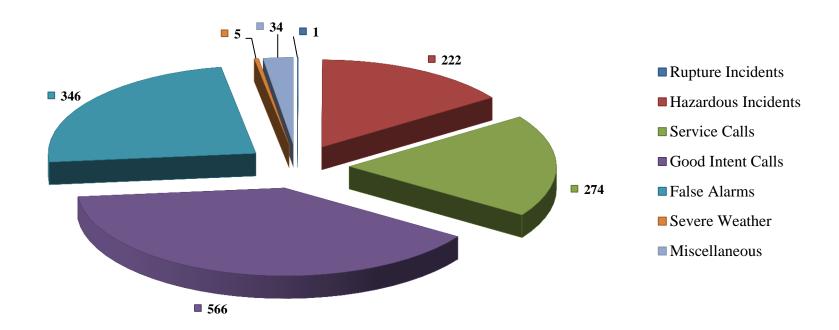
Fire Related (376)
Non-Fire Related (1,448)
EMS (4,436)
Inspections (3,328)

2013 Fire Runs

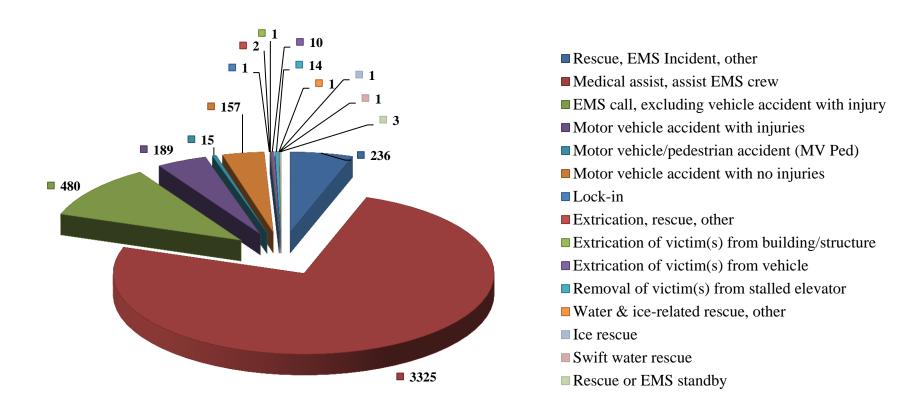


- Fire, other
- Building fire
- Fires in structure other than in a building
- Cooking fire, confined to container
- Incinerator overload or malfunction, fire confined
- Trash or rubbish fire, contained
- Fire in motor home, camper, recreational vehicle
- Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other
- Passenger vehicle fire
- Road freight or transport vehicle fire
- Self-propelled motor home or recreational vehicle
- Natural vegetation fire, other
- Forest, woods or wildland fire
- ■Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire
- Grass fire
- Outside rubbish fire, other
- Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
- Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire
- Special outside fire, other
- Outside storage fire
- Outside equipment fire
- Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion
- Outside mailbox fire

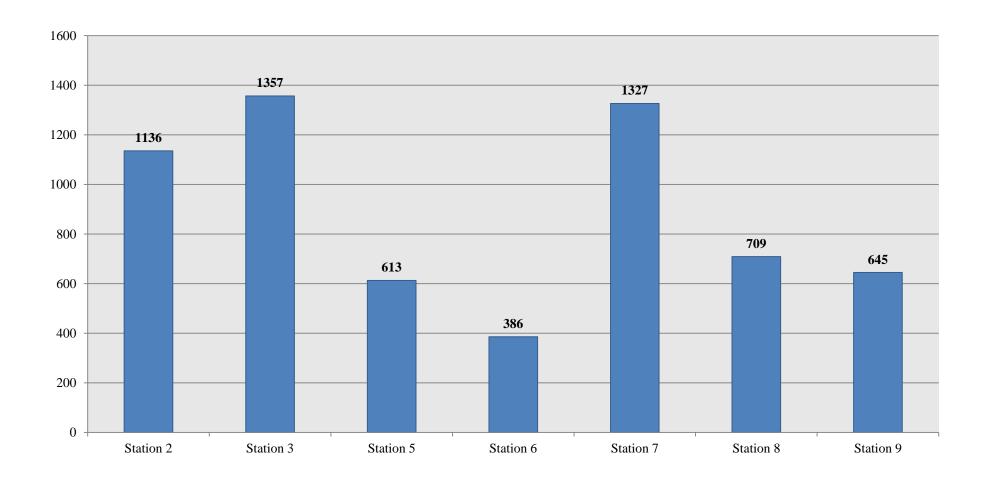
2013 Non-Fire Related Runs/Excluding EMS



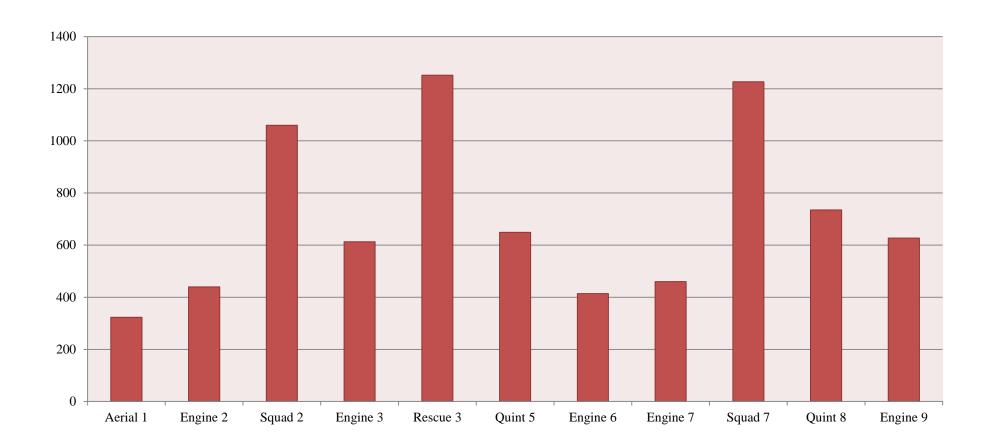
2013 EMS Runs



2013 Calls Per Zone



2013 Responses Per Unit





Message from the Chief

Dear LFD Family and Citizens of Lafayette:

The Lafayette Fire Department continues to strive to provide the citizens of Lafayette with the best service possible. Through hard work and determination, the LFD has earned great respect from our peer departments and also from the State government. We continue to be the department that is called when disaster strikes, both locally and at the state level.

As you will see in this year's report, the men and women of the department worked extremely hard in training and on the emergency scene to achieve our goals. 2013 was also a year for change. One of the biggest changes was the introduction of the Lafayette Fire Department-Jefferson High School Fire and Rescue Program. We have had the honor of teaching and mentoring 15 young men and women in our community about the fire service.

Hard work and dedication also paid off for our citizens when members of the department successfully rescued and resuscitated two citizens from their homes during a fire.

It continues to be an honor to serve the members of the Lafayette Fire Department.

Richard Doyle, Chief